

J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church
McComb, Mississippi
The Service for the Lord's Day
Sunday, March 6, 2022, 10:30 a.m.
1st Sunday in Lent

Welcome and Announcements

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" Sewell

Introit "How Beautiful" Paris

*How beautiful the hands that served the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.
How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross.
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.*

***Call to Worship** *(from Psalm 46)*

**God is our refuge and strength
a present help in trouble.**

**Therefore we will not fear
though the earth should change,**

**though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea.
though the waters roar and foam,**

**though the mountains tremble with tumult,
God's love endures forever.**

***Prayer of the Day** *(Ps. 91:1, Luke 4:2,12, Deut. 26:9, Rom.10:12-13)*

**God Most High,
thank you for signs of your power and grace,
shown to us even in the wilderness.**

**Give us courage to stand firm in your Word
in every time of trial and testing,
that we may enter the land of your freedom
and receive the salvation you so generously give,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Hymn 648**

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

Call to Confession

The proof of God’s amazing love is this: while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Christ rose for us. Christ reigns in power for us, Christ even prays for us. With such assurance, we need not fear confession, but simply draw near to our maker in candor.

Prayer of Confession *(from Psalm 51)*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, blot out my offenses. Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sins. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you only have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight. Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure. Wash me, and I shall be clean indeed. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Assurance of God’s Forgiveness

The saying is true and worthy of full acceptance that Christ died to save sinners. Brothers and sisters, believe the promise of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

Now may the peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**

We Hear God’s Word

Anthem

“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

Schrader

Jesus walked this lonesome valley; He had to walk it by himself.

Oh, nobody else could walk it for him; He had to walk it by himself.

We must walk this lonesome valley; We have to walk it by ourselves.

Oh, nobody else can walk it for us; We have to walk it by ourselves.

You must go and stand your trial; You have to stand it by yourself.

Oh, nobody else can stand it for you; You have to stand it by yourself.

A Prayer for Guidance as We Hear God’s Word

Scripture

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Romans 10:8-13

Sermon

**“The Near, Clear, Costly Word of Grace”
the Reverend Dr. Catherine Cook**

***An Affirmation of Faith** *(from The Theological Declaration of Barmen)*

We confess that Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death. As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures. The church is the congregation in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As pardoned sinners, we testify in the midst of a sinful world, with the church's faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, and that it loves and wants to live solely from his comfort and his direction at the expectation of his appearance.

***The Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen! Amen!

***Hymn 472 "Grace Greater than Our Sin"**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to God's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks and praise to God.

It is always right and our greatest joy to give God thanks and praise....

....Therefore, we join our voices with all those who sing your praise
Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest....

....for great is the mystery of our faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again....

...as our Savior, Jesus, taught us to pray when he said:
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Communion of God's People

A Prayer After Communion

God of grace, you renew us at your Table with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Grant that this food may strengthen us in love and help us to serve you as we serve one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Sentence

God calls us to lives of grateful generosity. Let us praise the Giver of all good gifts through our offering today.

Offertory "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" Robertson

*** Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

We Go in God's Name

***Hymn 519**

"It Is Well with My Soul"

Charge

These Lenten days will take us to the cross of Christ. Go forward, knowing that you do not go this way alone. Nor do we have to be afraid, for the Word of God strengthens us and the Holy Spirit sustains us.

Benediction

May the God of the Exodus lead us into freedom.

May the Holy Spirit bind us to God's will.

May Christ, God's only Son, show us the way of true justice and peace.

Postlude

"Day by Day"

Sandell



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This Week at J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church

Sunday	9:00 am	Breakfast in the Ewell Martin Room
	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 am	Worship
	2:00 pm	Session meets in the Ewell Martin Room
	3:30 pm	PNC meets in the Ewell Martin Room
Wednesday	7:15 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast
Thursday	10:30 am	Thursday Morning Bible Study

Last Week's Record

2/27/22 Attendance - 40 here; 40 views on Facebook

2/27/22 Offering - \$2010

Welcome to Worship!

We are happy to welcome all who worship with us in the sanctuary today. We also welcome those who join us online. We are especially glad to welcome visitors. Please join us again soon!

Welcome to the Reverend Dr. Catherine Cook

Catherine is from Jackson, MS, where she and her sister, Libba, share their family home. Before moving back to Jackson in 2014, Catherine served two Presbyterian(USA) churches in the Green Mountains of east central Vermont for 23 years. She supplies pulpits in our presbytery and in east Louisiana.

JJWMP Session Meets

The Session will meet today at 2:00 pm in the Ewell Martin Room.

Pastor Nominating Committee Meets

The PNC will meet today at 3:30 pm in the Ewell Martin Room with the Reverend Dr. Joan Gandy, our Presbytery liaison.

Centennial Homecoming

Celebrating 100 years at J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church

Saturday, April 2

1:00 pm Organ Concert

2:00- 4:00 pm Tours and Tales (come-and-go event)

Engage with 'J. J. White' during a fact-filled historical presentation, discover hidden meanings in architectural features, listen to musical instruments, hear first-hand stories about mission adventures, acquaint yourself with our scouting heritage, and much, much more!

Sunday, April 3

9:15 am Joint Sunday School Class

10:30 am Worship Service, followed by Cornerstone Ceremony, then Celebratory Lunch

Flowers

The flowers in our sanctuary this morning were provided by Cathy and Ray Salter to the glory of God.

March Flowers

Mar. 13 Martha and Spike Simmons

Mar. 20 Kathy Parker

Mar. 27 Georgia Mendonides

